

# **MINUTES OF JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 24, 2011**

The Judicial Nomination Commission convened a meeting by telephone conference call at 9:00 a.m. Public Notice of the meeting was given by posting a notice of the meeting on the Supreme Court website.

All of the members of the commission were present by phone. Beth McLaughlin, the Court Administrator of the Montana Supreme Court and Bonnie Freebury, Andy Suenram's assistant also participated.

The meeting was called to Order at 9:08 a.m for the purpose of considering the nominees for Workers Compensation Judge. The Commission received 6 verbal comments and 1 email, all favoring Judge Shea for reappointment. No comments were received regarding Deborah Butler.

Andy Suenram verified that both applicants meet the statutory requirements, as both have been in practice for at least 5 years and both reside in Montana.

Paul Tuss moved that the JNC forward the names of Judge Shea and Deborah Butler to the Governor for consideration, and that the JNC forego any interviews with the applicants. Shirley Ball seconded the motion. The members of the Committee discussed and the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission unanimously voted to submit the name of Deborah Fern Butler to Governor Schweitzer for possible appointment as Workers Compensation Judge.

The Commission unanimously voted to submit the name of Judge James Jeremiah Shea to Governor Schweitzer for possible appointment as Workers Compensation Judge.

The Commission reviewed and approved the form of the certificate for submitting the names to the Governor. Having agreed on the language to be used, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Andrew P. Suenram